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C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





TANGLE!

HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!



BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR. AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.

PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

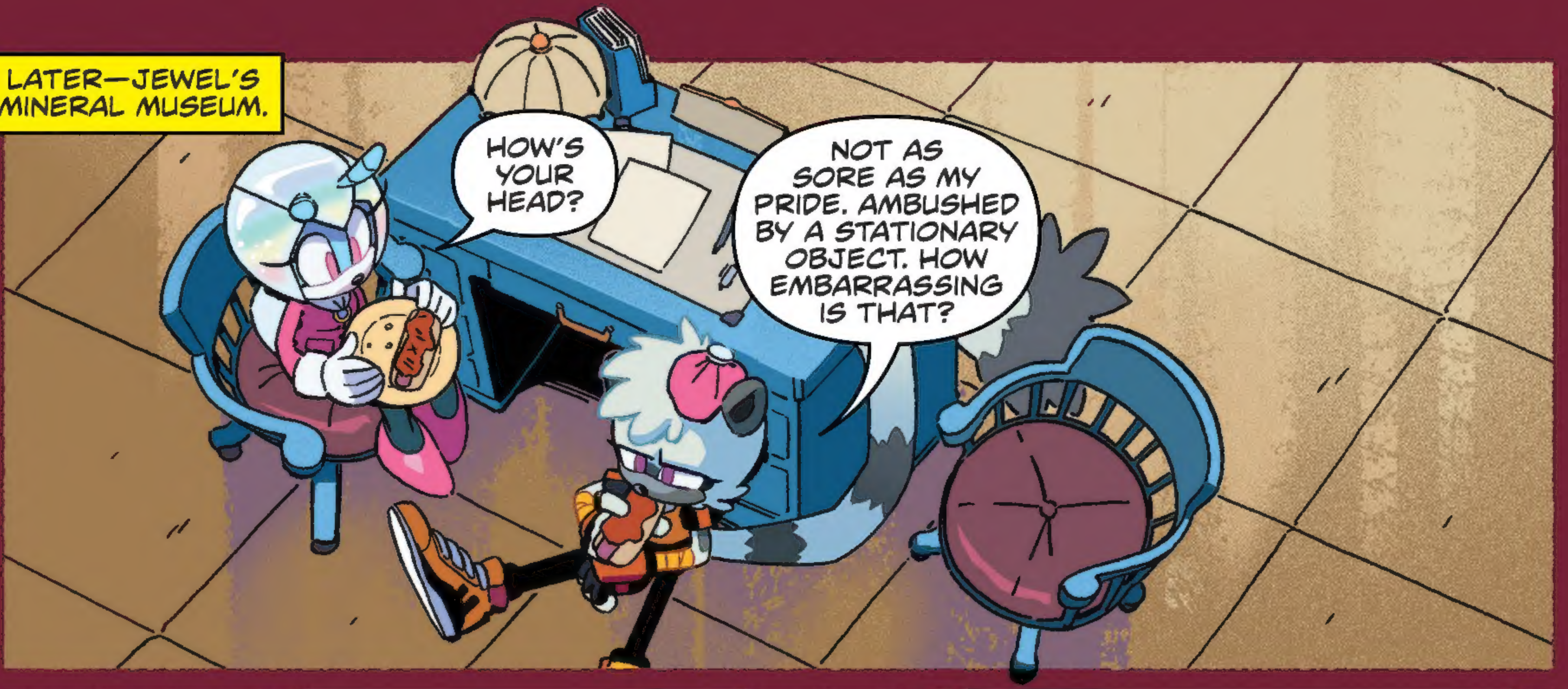
I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—



TANGLE.

HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?

LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...



...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?

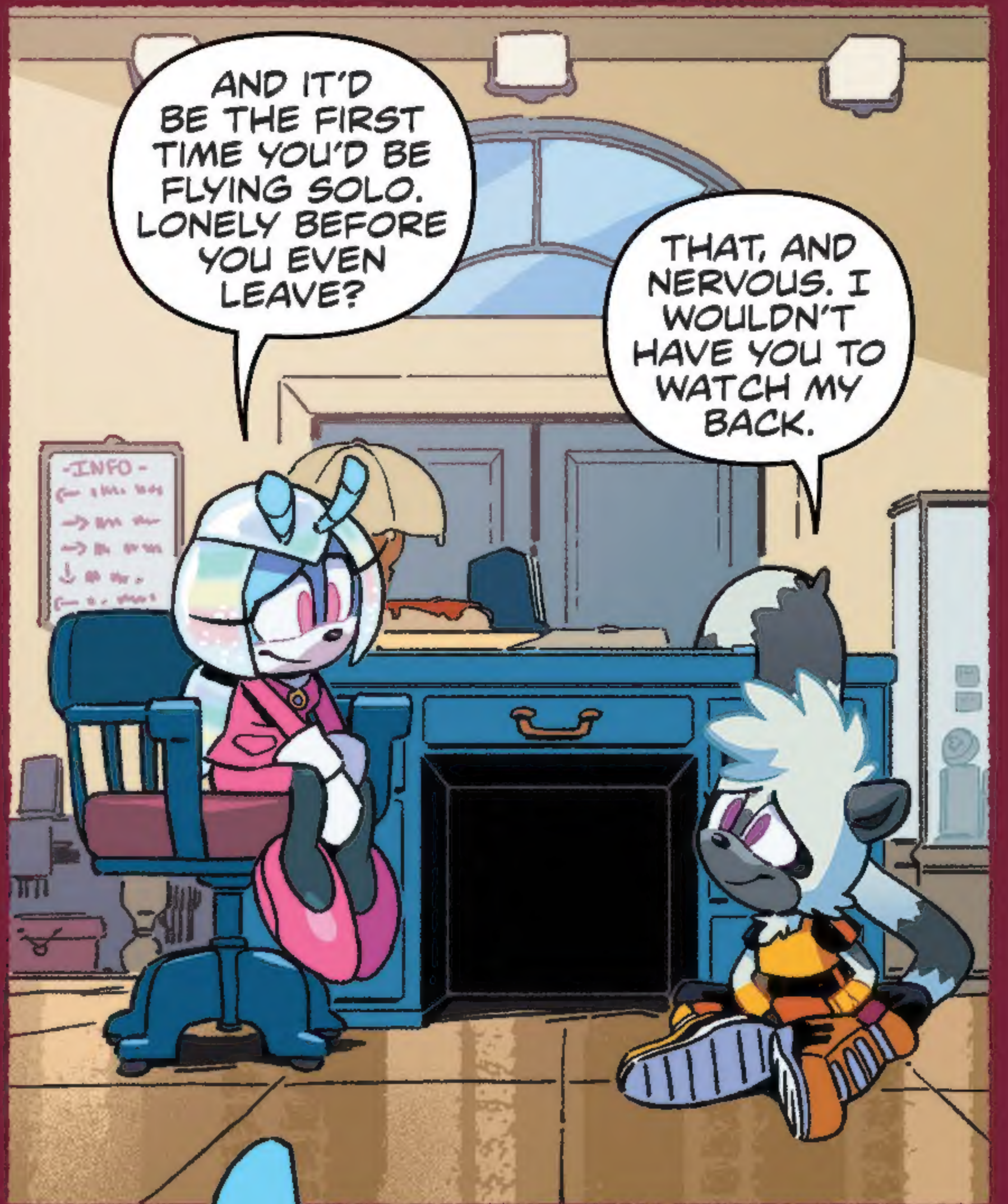


I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

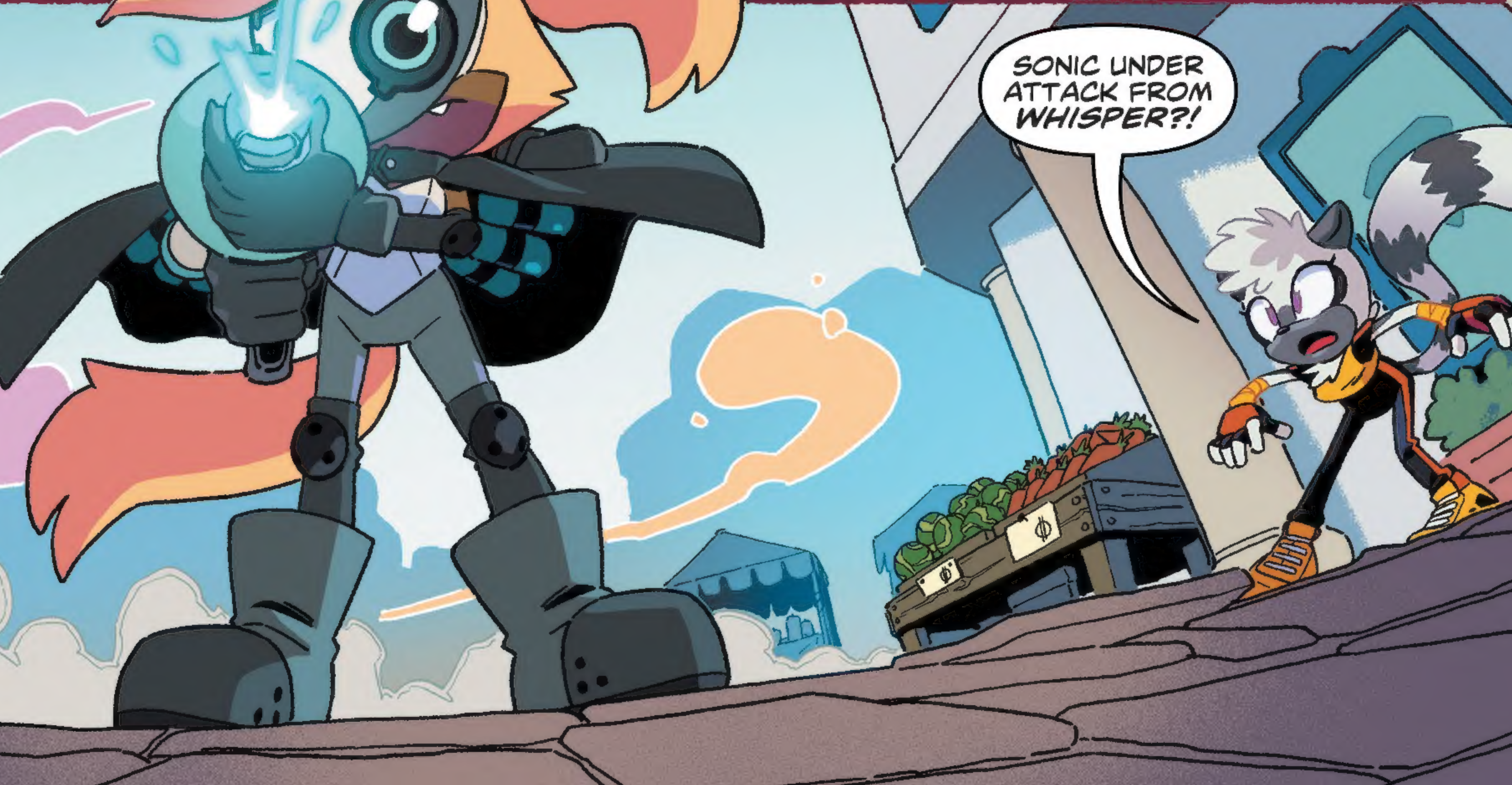
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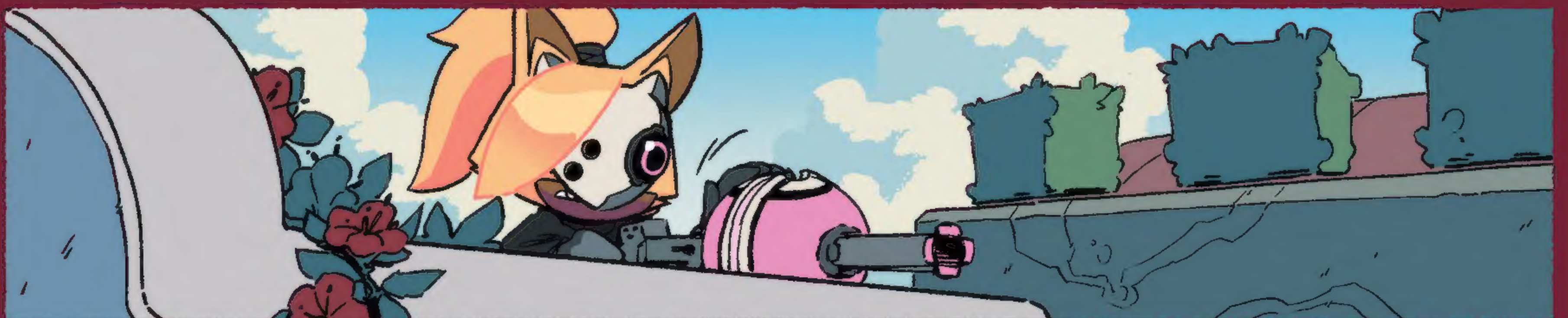
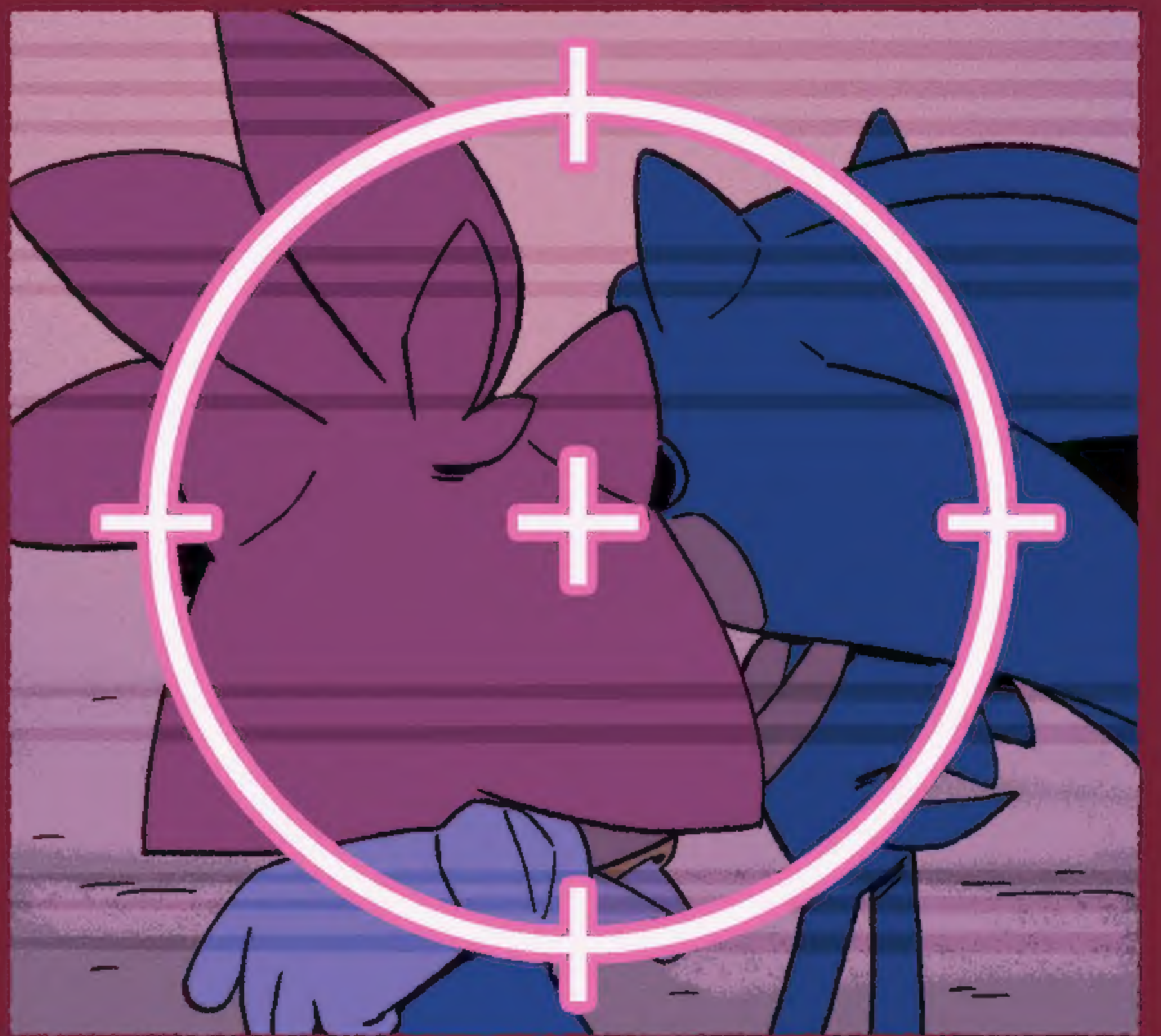
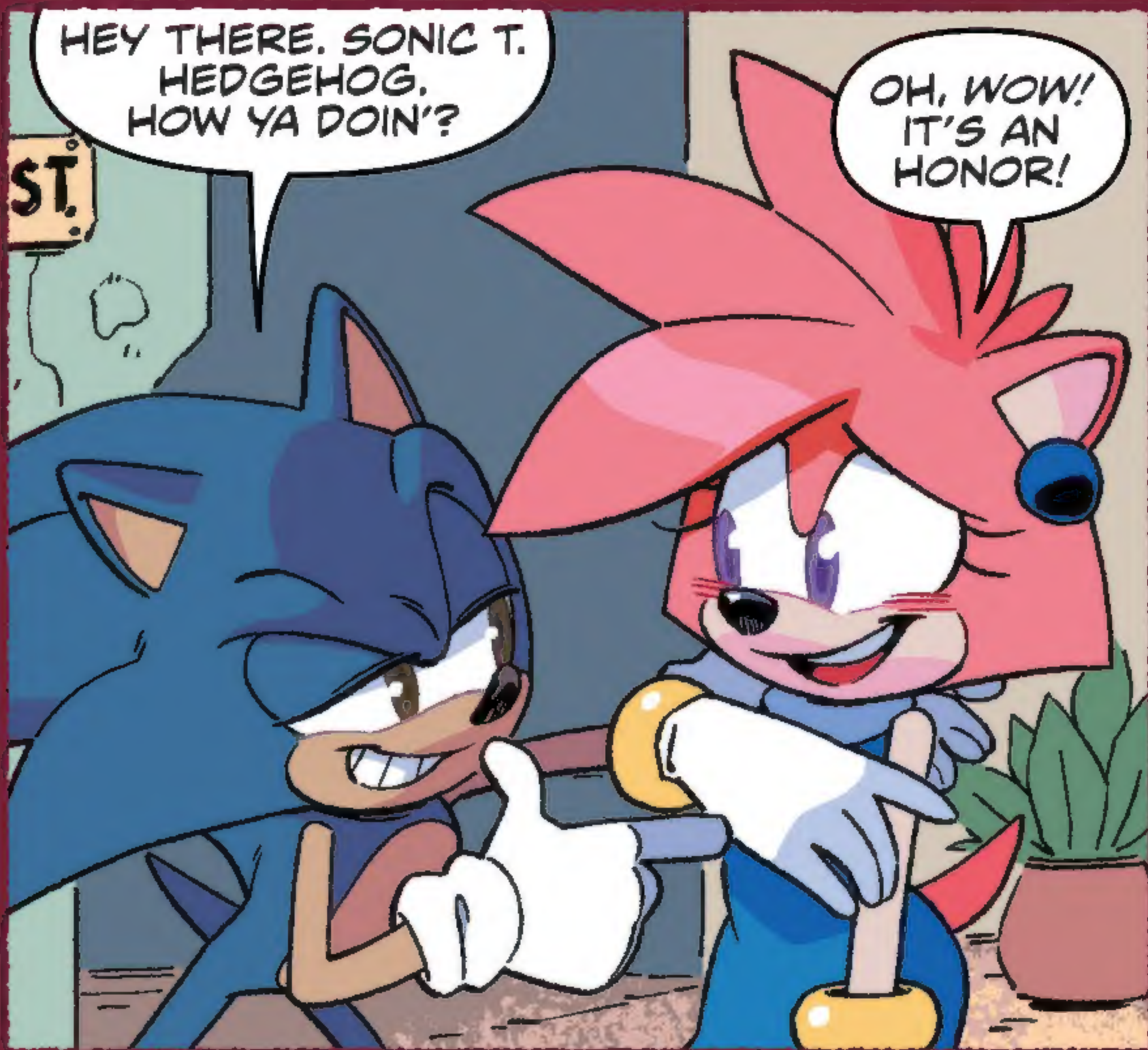
AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.

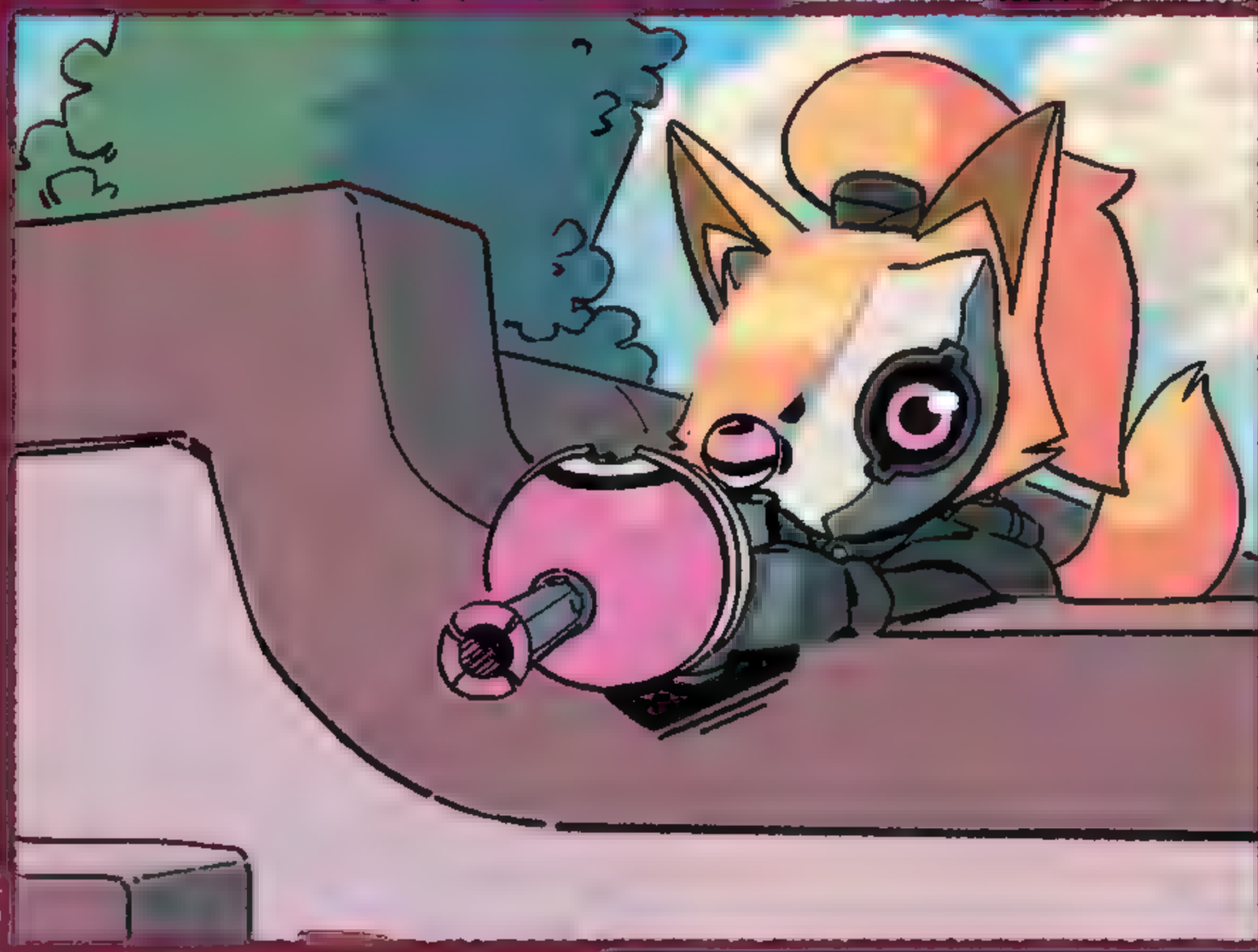


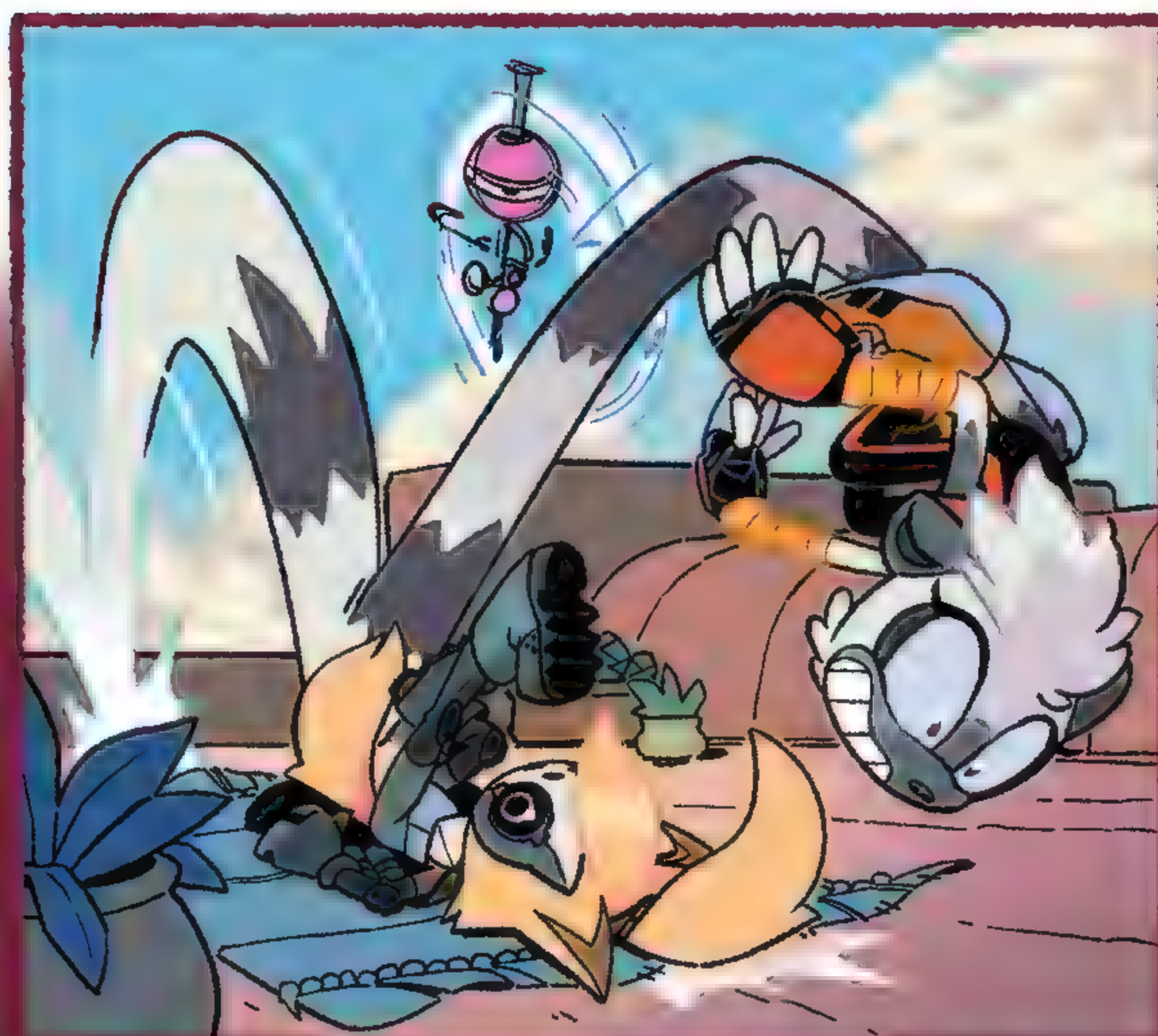
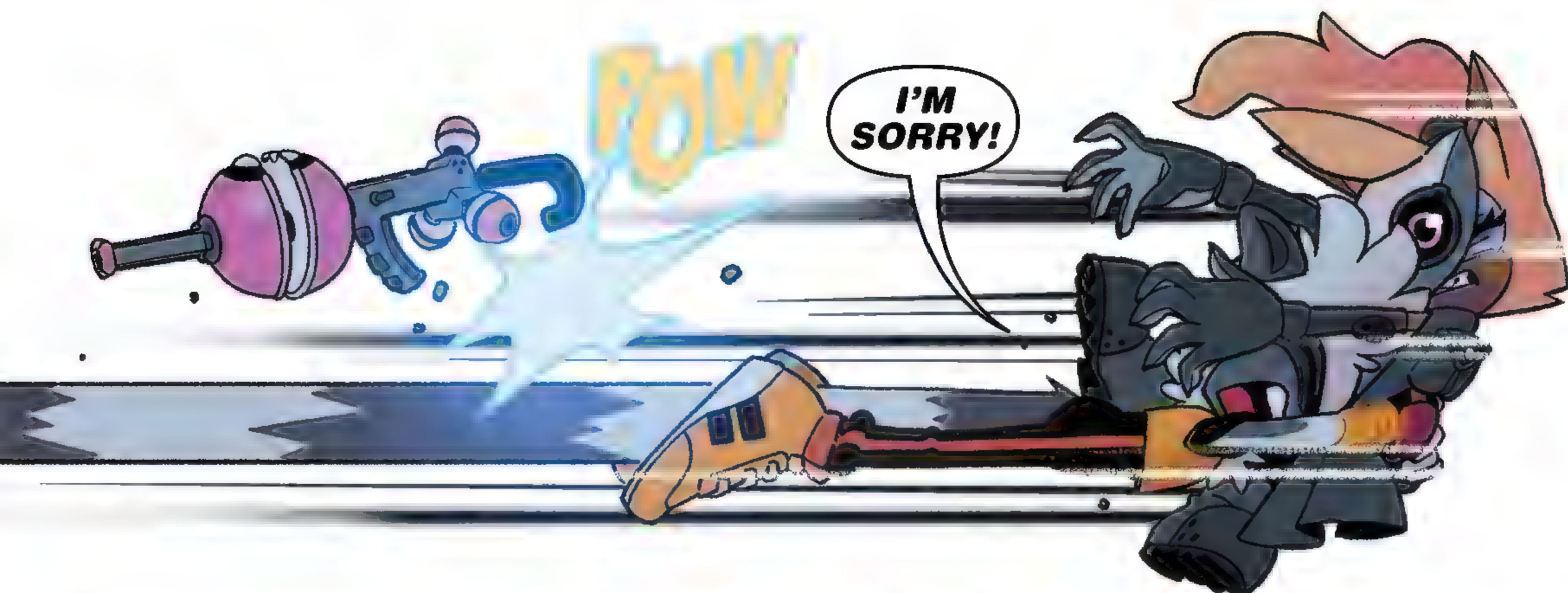




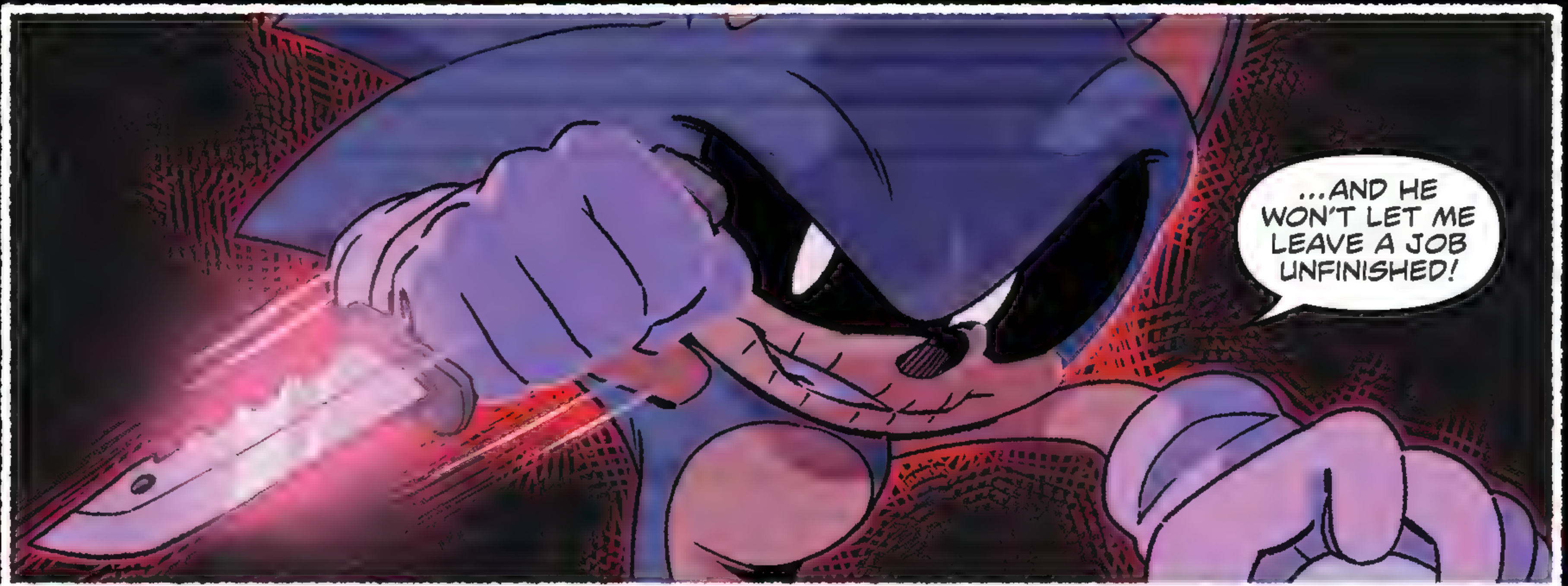














SOON...

I'M AFRAID I'M AS LOST AS TANGLE, FOR ONCE. I LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW, AND IT CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE SONIC.

HIS NAME'S MIMIC. HE SHAPE-SHIFTS.



A two-panel comic strip. In the first panel, Mimic, a white cat-like character with a blue and white striped body and a yellow vest, is sitting at a blue table, holding a white teacup. Cream, a pink hedgehog with a white dress and a blue bow, is standing next to him, holding a white teapot. Cream is looking at Mimic with a surprised expression. In the second panel, Cream is still holding the teapot and looking at Mimic, who is now looking down at his teacup with a sad expression.

YOU MEAN... HE CAN TRANSFORM HOW HE LOOKS AT WILL? THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE FAR-FETCHED.



A two-panel comic strip. In the first panel, Mimic is sitting at a blue table, holding a white teacup. Cream is standing next to him, holding a white teapot. Cream is looking at Mimic with a surprised expression. In the second panel, Cream is still holding the teapot and looking at Mimic, who is now looking down at his teacup with a sad expression.

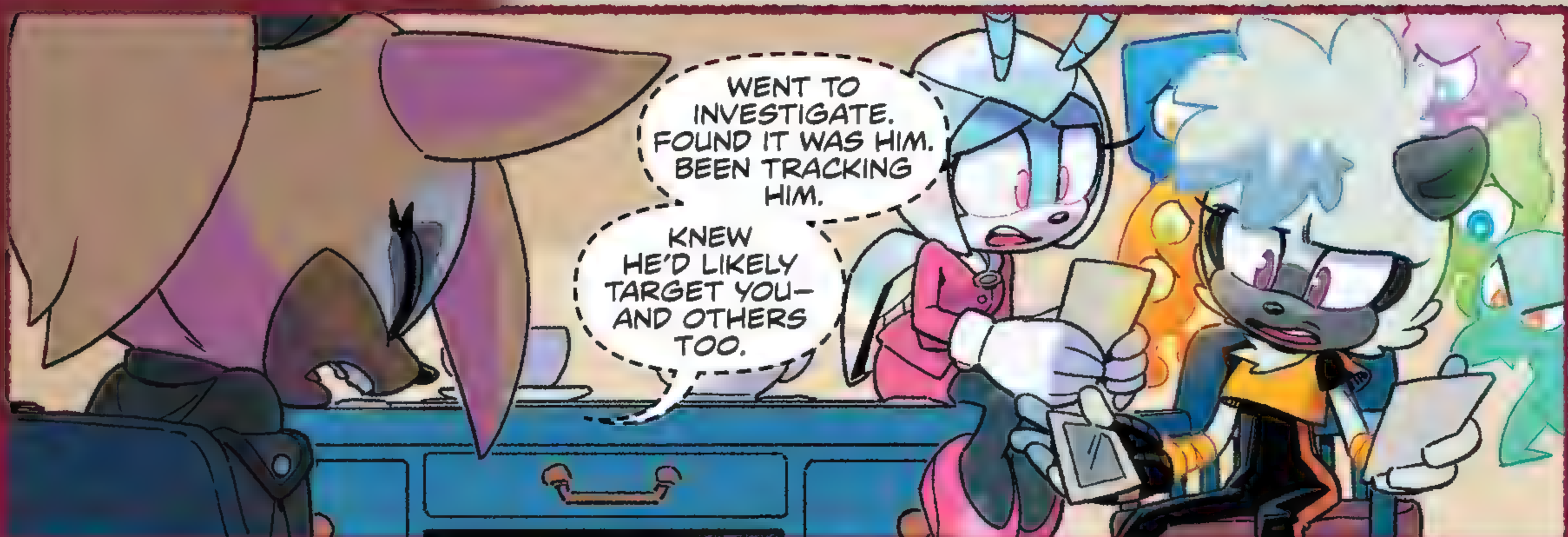
BUT YOU WERE FINE WITH THE HEDGEHOG WHO CAN RUN AT MACH ONE FOR FUNSIES?

YES... WELL...



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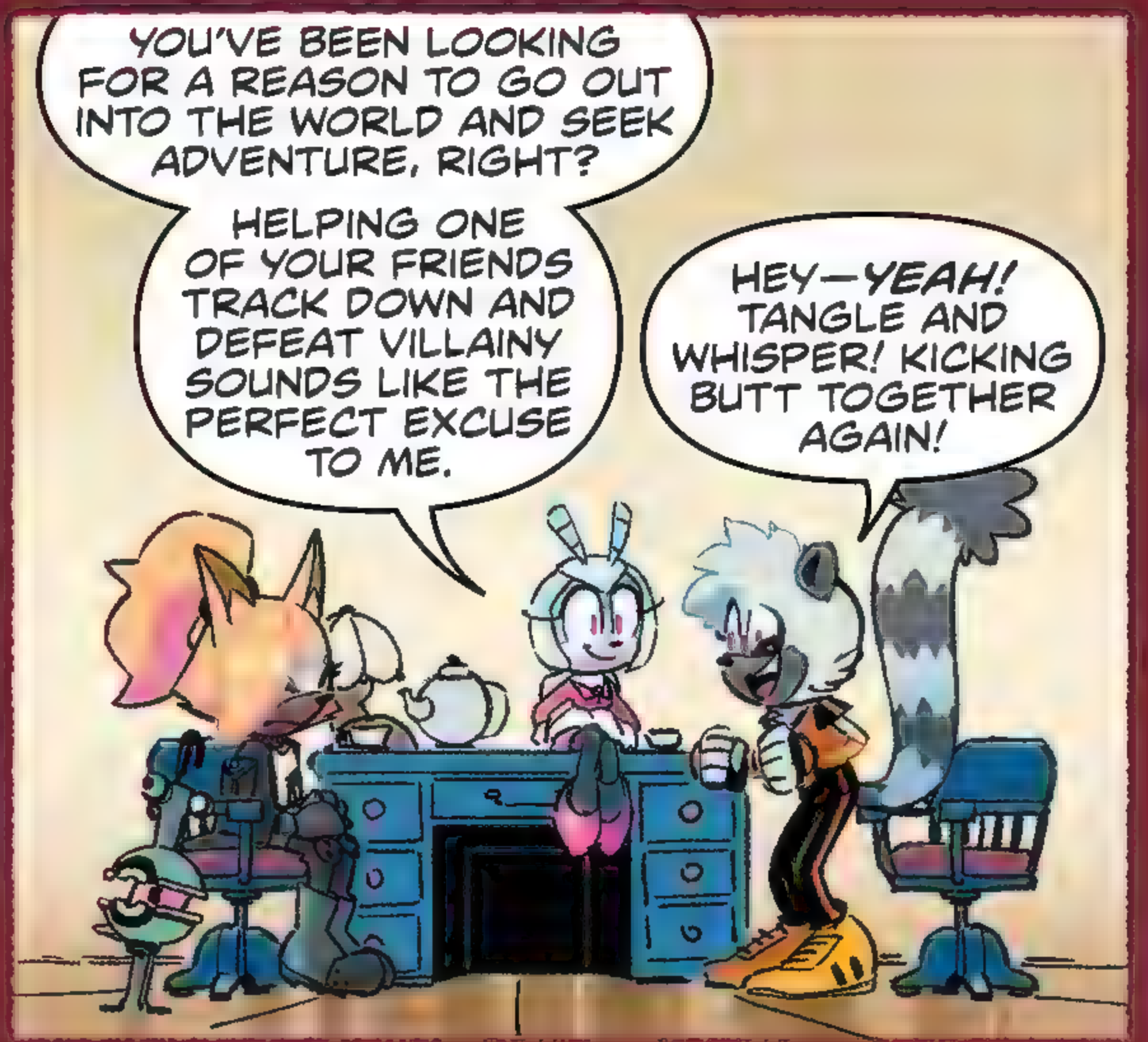
HE'S A MERCENARY. BETRAYED HIS TEAM. HELPED EGGMAN WIPE THEM OUT.





WELL, THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE A "CALL TO ACTION" TO ME.

WHO DOES THE WHAT NOW?



YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A REASON TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND SEEK ADVENTURE, RIGHT?

HELPING ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS TRACK DOWN AND DEFEAT VILLAINY SOUNDS LIKE THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO ME.

HEY—YEAH! TANGLE AND WHISPER! KICKING BUTT TOGETHER AGAIN!



HEY! WISPS! WE'VE GOT A MISSION!



LET NO EGGMAN CRONY—ROBOT OR OTHERWISE—SLEEP WELL TONIGHT!

BECAUSE TANGLE AND WHISPER ARE ON THE CASE!

AND WE'VE GOT A WHOLE WAVE OF WISPS BACKING US UP!



NO.



OH, COME ON! WE'VE DONE GREAT WORK TOGETHER! I MEAN, WEREN'T WE CRUCIAL IN HANDLING NEO METAL SONIC?

...YES.



AND WE SHOWED THE BABYLON ROGUES WHO WAS BOSS, DIDN'T WE?

...YES.

THIS MIMIC GUY WILL BE NO DIFFERENT! WHAT'S ONE MERC NEXT TO EVIL ROBOTS AND FLYING THIEVES, RIGHT? SO, ARE WE DOING THIS?

NO.



WHISPER! WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?

...YES.

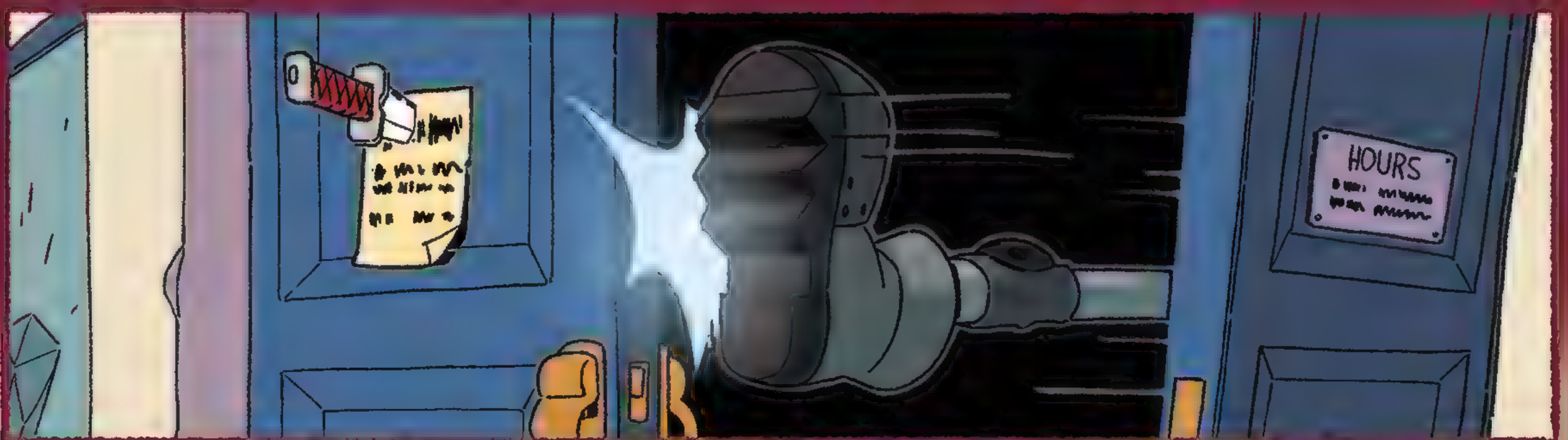
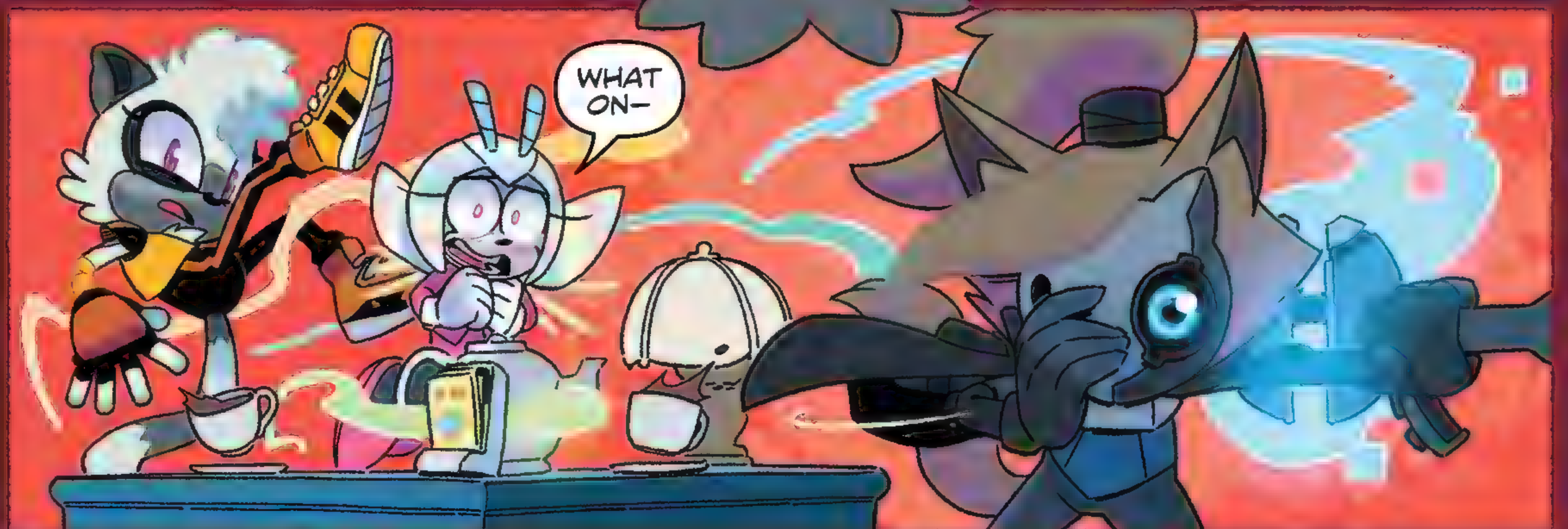
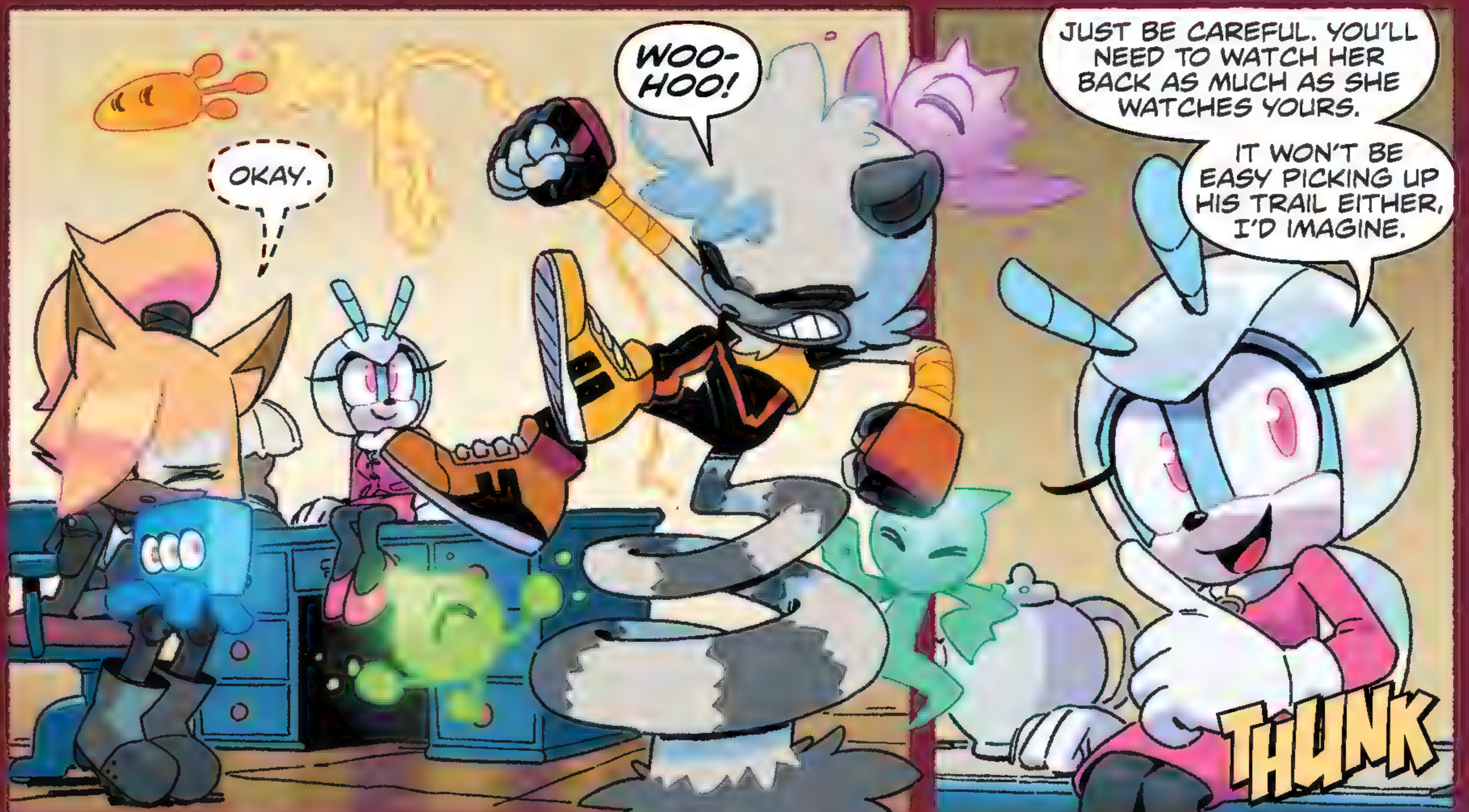
THEN WHY WON'T YOU LET ME HELP YOU?!





HAHAHA!
SEE? YOUR
ARMY OF ALIEN
BUDDIES AGREE
WITH ME!







We've chased each other
in circles long enough.
I'll be waiting for you to
settle things once and
for all!



MY
DOOR!

WHAT
WAS
THAT?

AN
INVITATION.



SO HE WANTS
A SHOWDOWN
ALREADY? FINE
BY ME! SAVES US
THE TROUBLE OF
TRACKING HIM
DOWN!

BRACE
YOURSELF,
MIMIC! WE'RE
COMING FOR
YOU!



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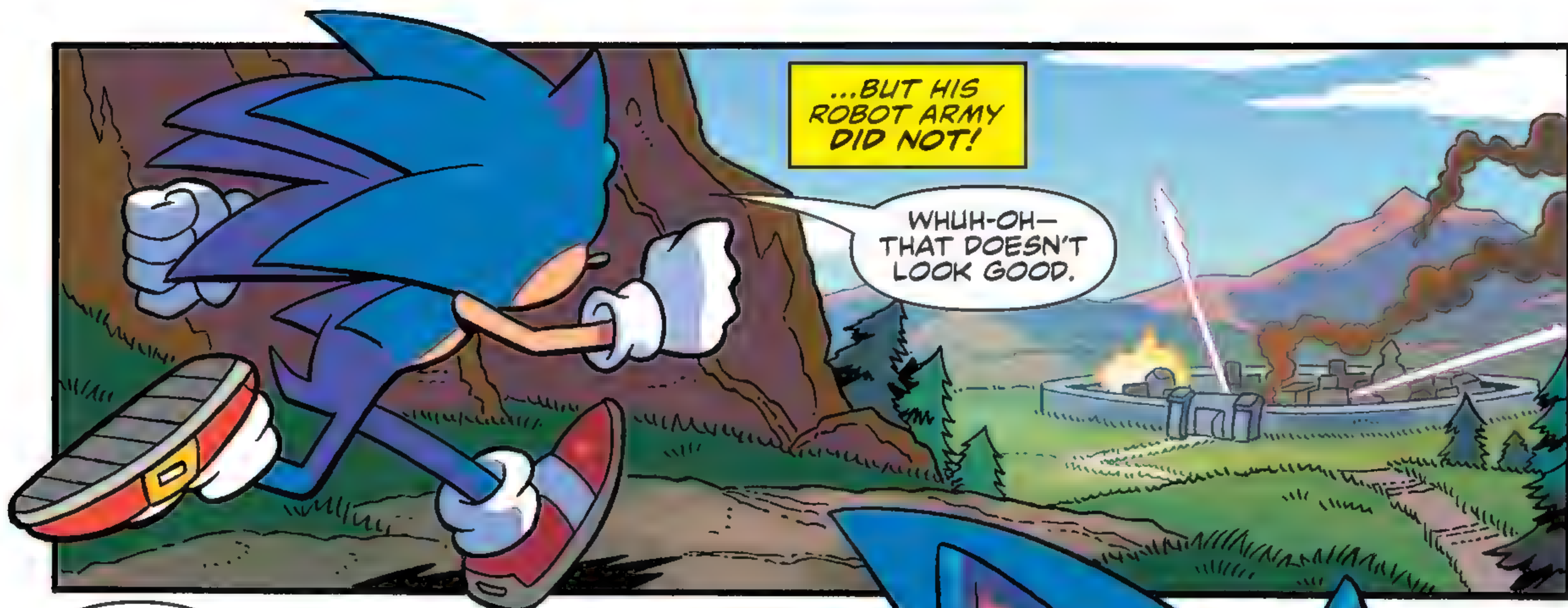
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.

TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.



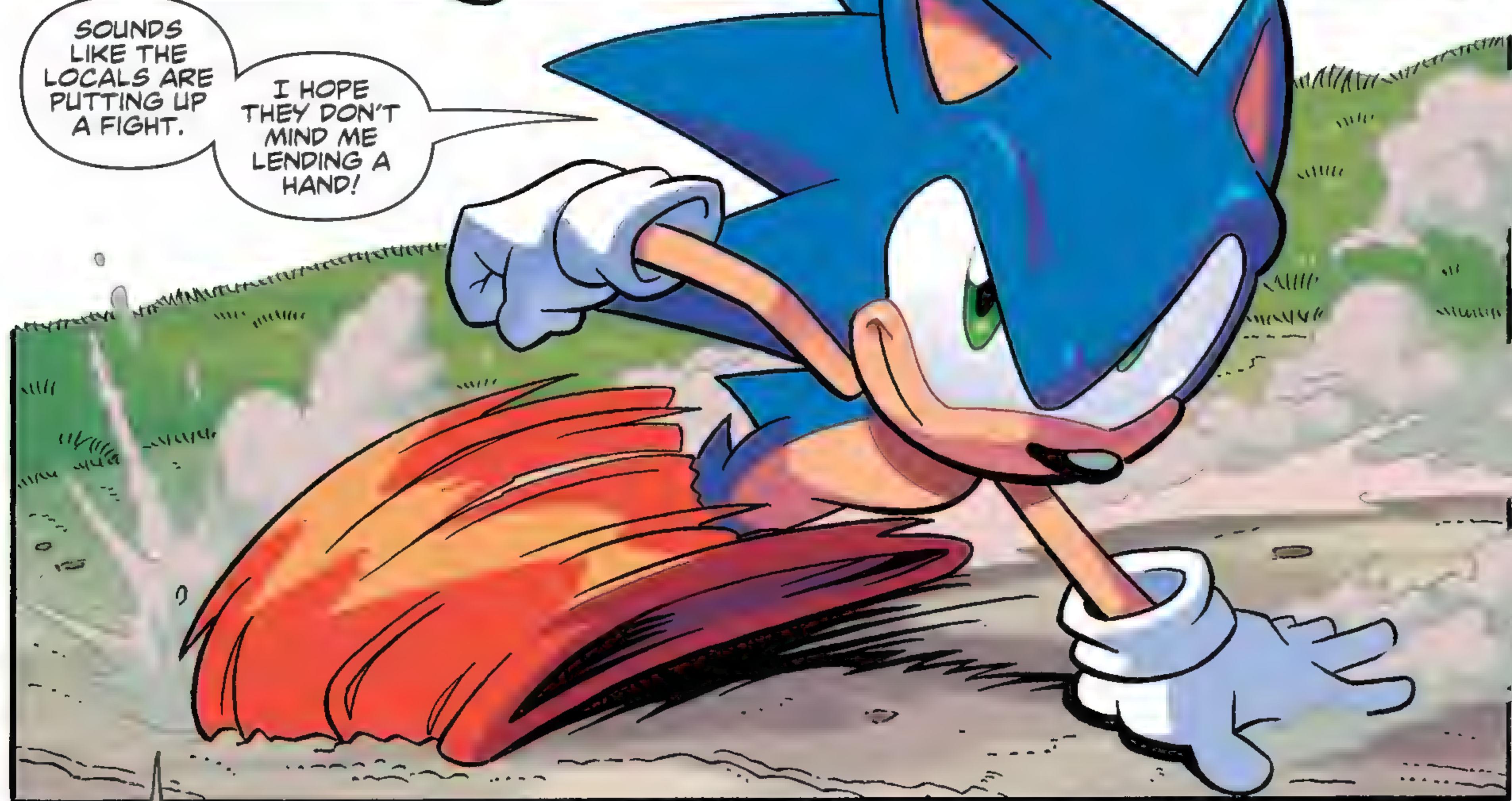
BUT AFTER THEIR LAST BATTLE...

...DR. EGGMAN VANISHED...



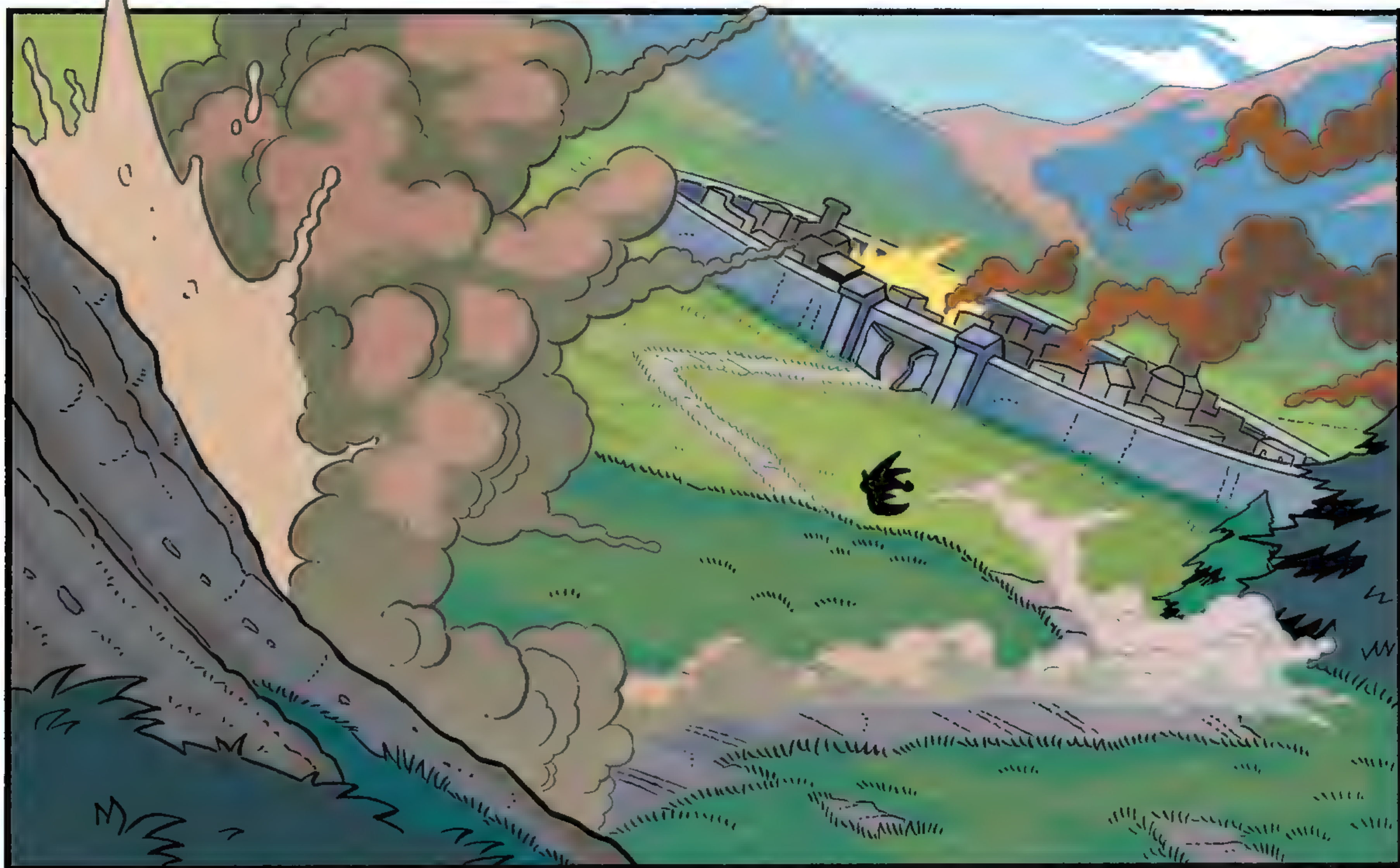
...BUT HIS
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DID NOT!

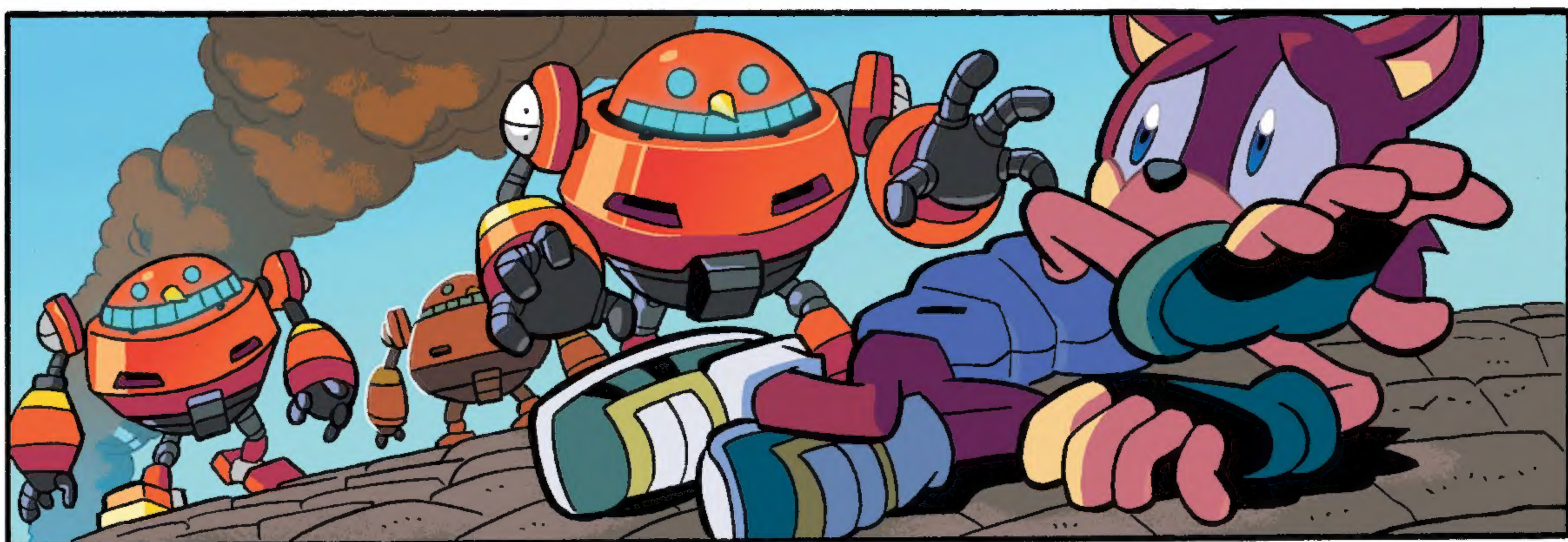
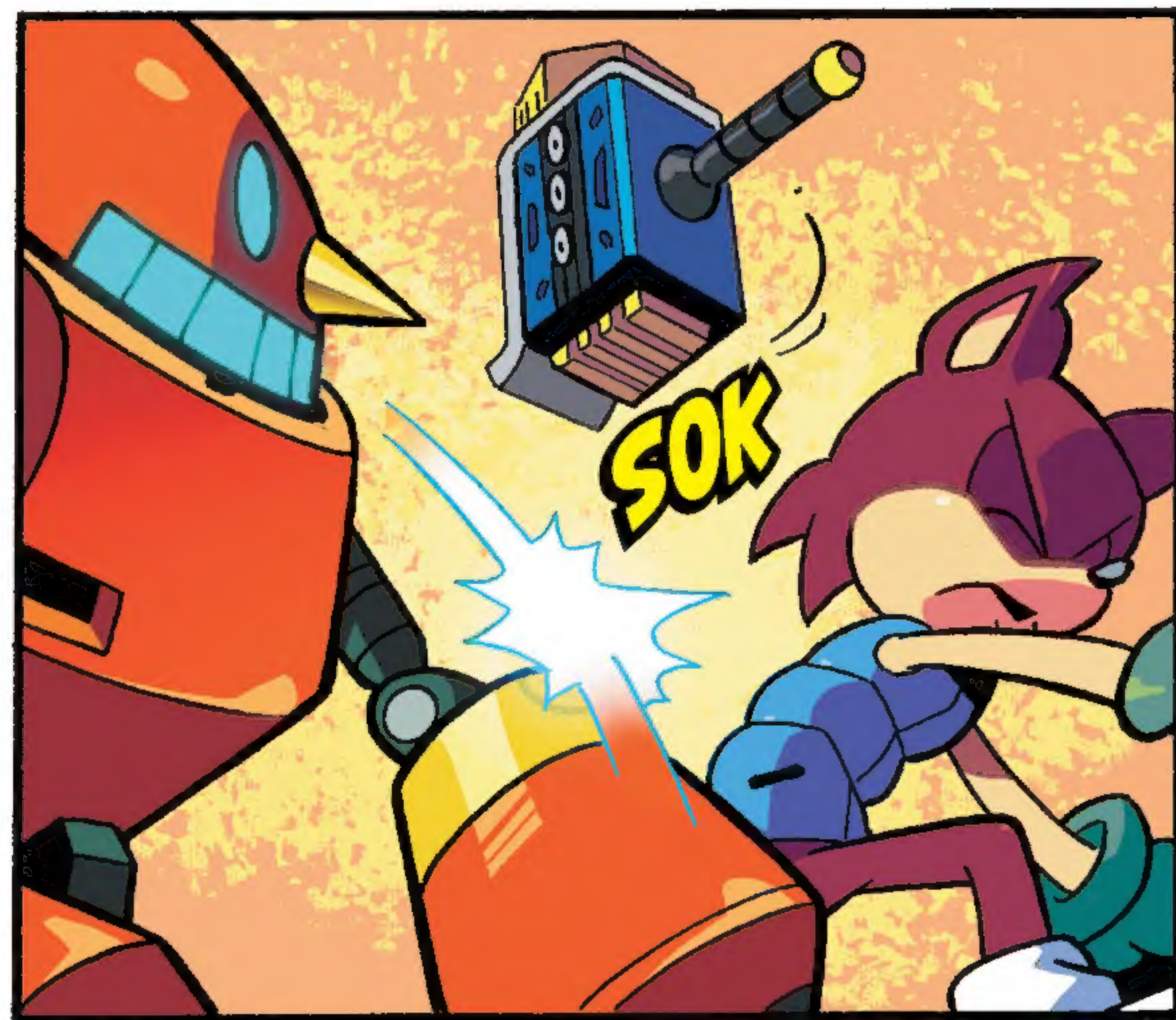
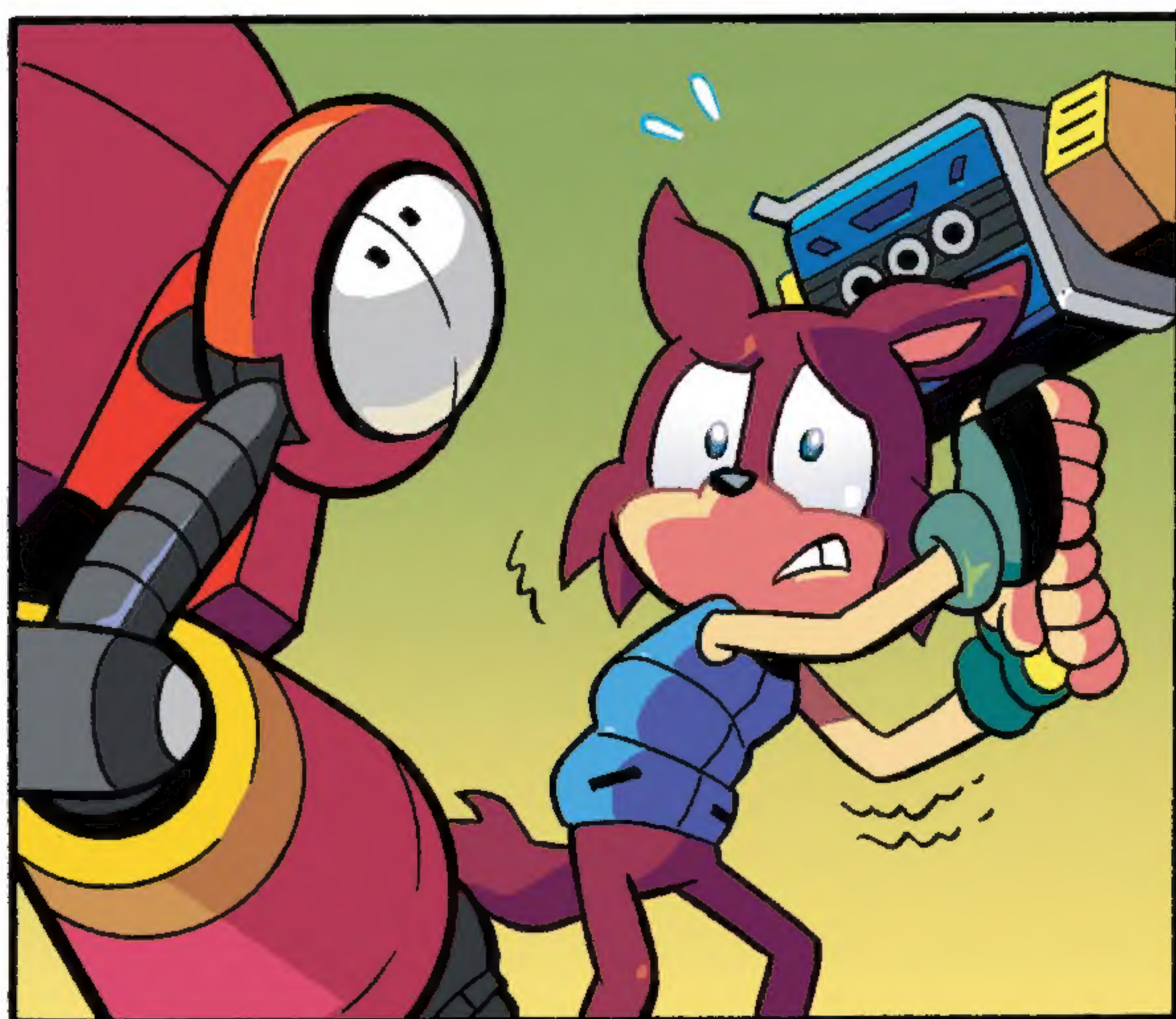
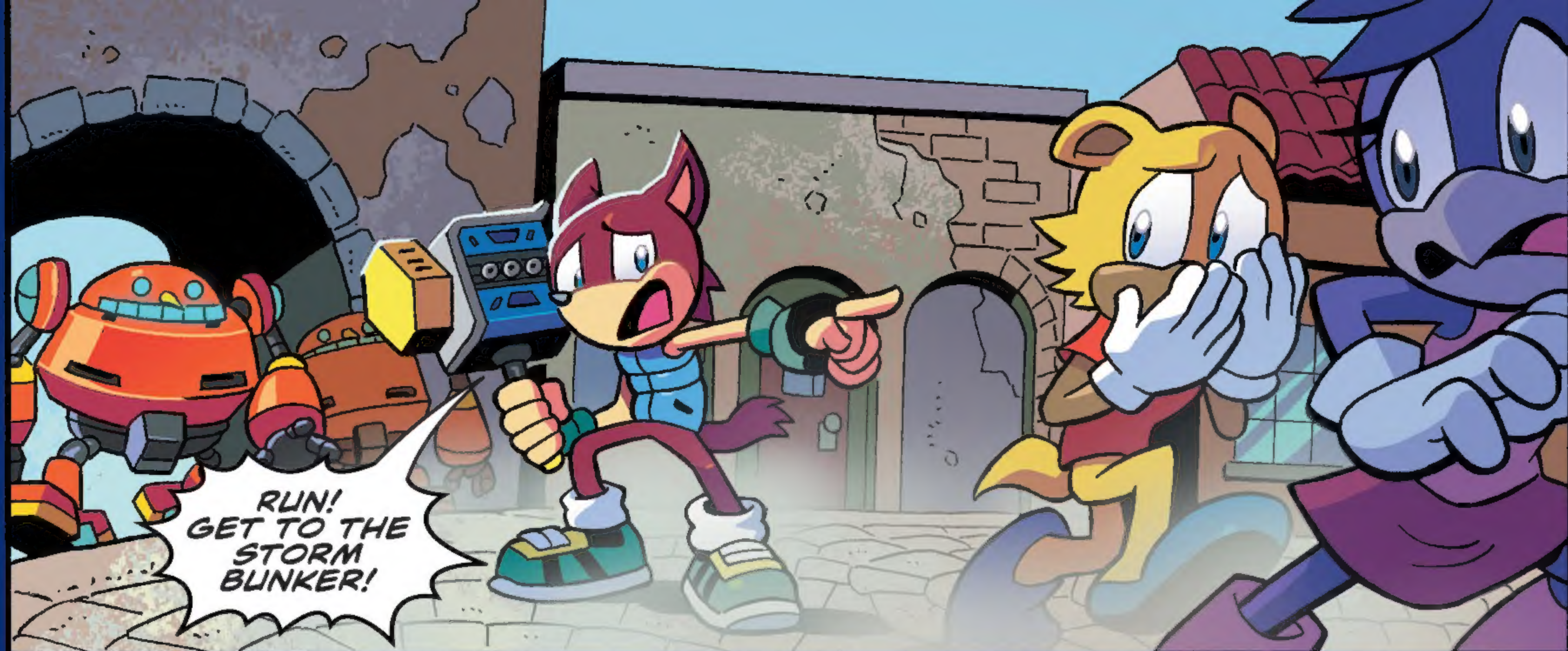
WHUH-OH—
THAT DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD.

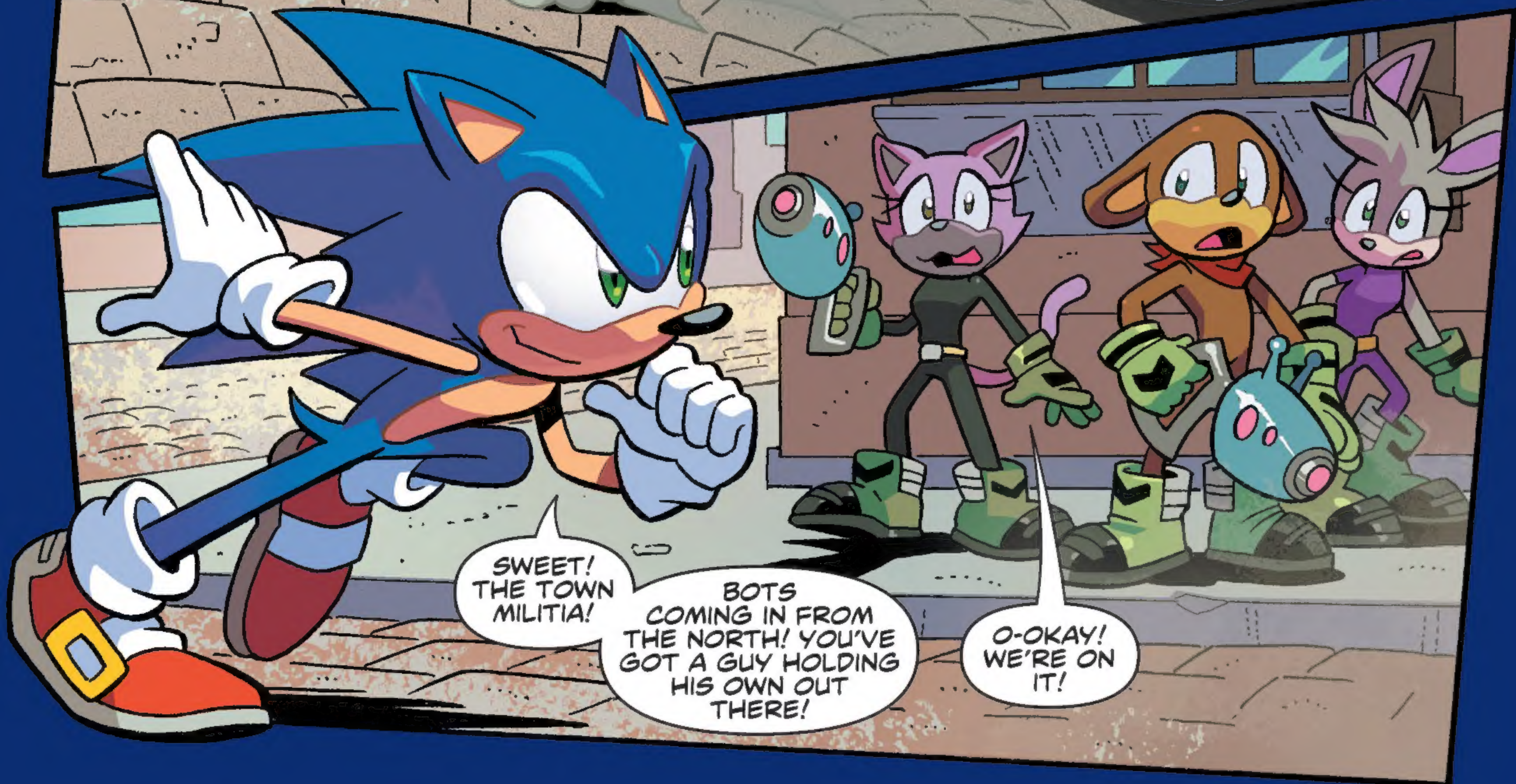


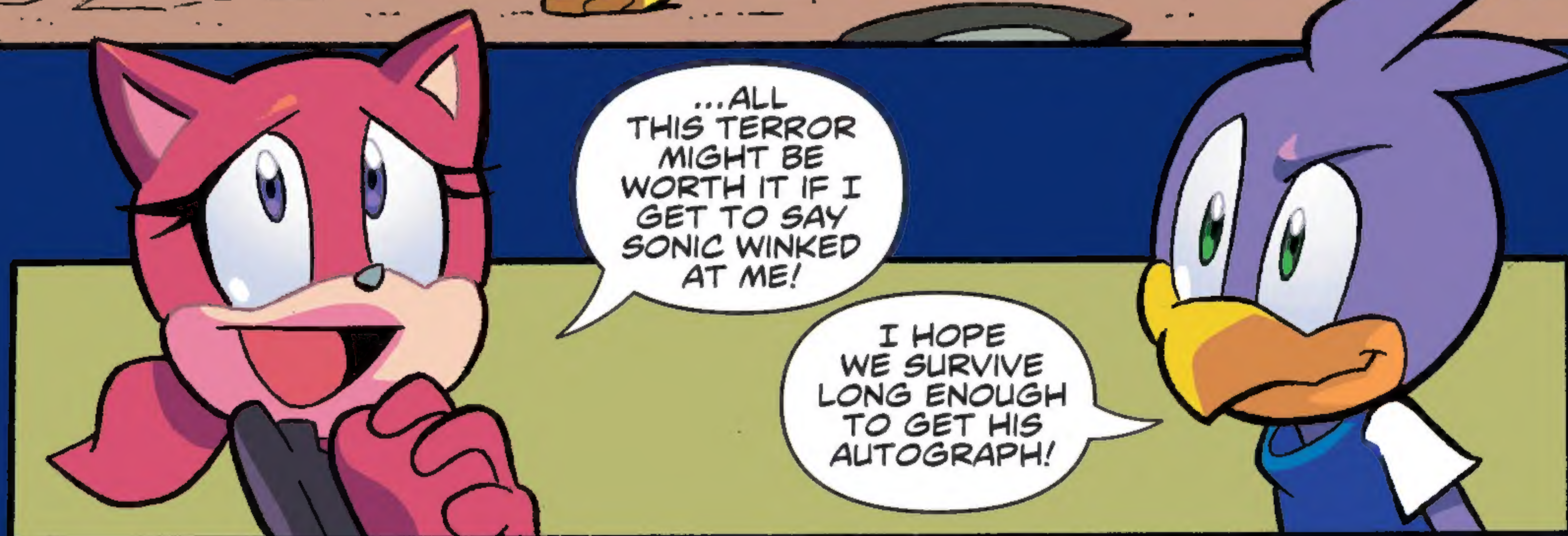
SOUNDS
LIKE THE
LOCALS ARE
PUTTING UP
A FIGHT.

I HOPE
THEY DON'T
MIND ME
LENDING A
HAND!









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